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Elba man charged following Coffee County Jail gun incident

by Linda Hodge, Editor

was obtained for the arrest of Kenneth Junior Flowers, 912 Roosevelt Dr., Elba, for promoting prison contraband first degree. At the time of last week's incident, Moates said Flowers was already inmates at the jail on unrelated charges.

According to Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates, a warrant

Moates said the arrest of Flowers resulted from an investigation concerning a 9-mm pistol that was found in cell-block two of the jail following a fight that occurred Tuesday afternoon in that cell.

"We are still trying to figure out how a gun was smuggled into the jail," Moates said. "At this point we still have a lot of unanswered questions."

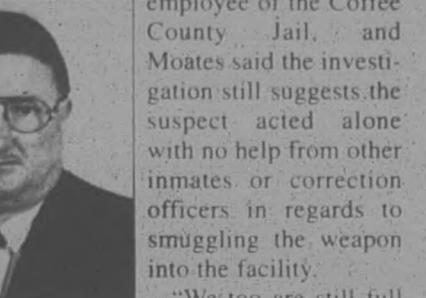
Moates said the gun was discovered in a laundry bag by trustees who realized the bag seemed too heavy to contain only dirty laundry. After discovering the gun, Moates said the inmates turned it over to correction officers.

At that point, he said the jail was placed under an immediate lockdown and a thorough search of the jail was conducted by officers. The jail remained under the lockdown status for quite some time as officers implemented a complete search of the facility again the next day.

According to the sheriff, an investigation began immediately to discover who the gun belonged to and he got into the jail without being discovered. He said the investigation led to the arrest of Flowers.

"We don't feel as though he (Flowers) had the gun for any

malicious intent," Moates said. Booking records indicate that the officer who was responsible for originally booking Flowers into the jail is no longer an employee of the Coffee County Jail, and Moates said the investigation still suggests the suspect acted alone with no help from other inmates or correction officers in regards to smuggling the weapon into the facility.



Ben Moates

He said the investigation indicates that the suspect tried to get rid of the gun in the laundry bag during the time of the fight. However, the sheriff said Flowers denied having any connection to the gun. Also, he said Flowers was not involved in the fight that occurred in cell-block two.

"We encourage our correction officers to search the inmates every time they are moved from the cell blocks," Moates said.

New Brockton Town Council tables annexation

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although it has been a heated issue in the past, the New Brockton Town Council approved a motion Monday evening, Feb. 4, during its regular monthly meeting concerning the idea of annexation.

During the December meeting of the council, several local citizens voiced their opinions concerning a possible annexation for New Brockton. At that time, the Town of New Brockton, upon the approval of the council, had been advertising a resolution for annexation; however, the council voted to rescind the resolution at that meeting and return to the drawing board in regards to the annexation proposal.

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"With interest rates the way they are now, now is the time to get locked in with a long term debt if we are going to do it," he said.

With that said, the mayor suggested the chief give his figures to the town clerk to allow her to check with local banks in regards to financing.

Strickland also added a stipulation in that any new car purchased will have a strict service policy with the chief being held responsible.

An update will be provided during the next meeting.

In other business, the council adopted a corrected version of the budget. The only item changed was the equipment line item for the street department. This figure was changed from \$4,000 to \$10,000 to include a truck and backhoe.

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Reappointed councilman Jody Stuckey to the water board for a six year term.

Approved a motion to pay the liability insurance for the recreation department with the understanding that the recreation department will repay the money pending a meeting from the recreation board.

Received a reminder that the town offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 18, in observance of President's Day. Also, the monthly working group meeting was rescheduled to Monday, Feb. 25.

The next meeting of the New Brockton Town Council will be Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall.

Chamber director "arrested" by student



UNDER ARREST...When Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, joined forces with the Elba High School Vocational Program and the Tech Prep Program at MacArthur State Technical College for the fifth consecutive year of the Groundhog Day Shadowing Program, she never imagined it would result in hand cuffs being placed around her wrists, but as the evidence shows, that is exactly what happened. Not only did Whitworth help locate businesses in the Elba area for students to shadow during the day (Friday, Feb. 1), but she also acted the part of the assailant during an arrest as Elba High School Senior Aaron Baxley shadowed Elba Police Officer Dean Blair. Of course, it was all fun and games as Baxley placed the handcuffs on his "criminal," but the day itself was deemed an overall success as many Elba High students took advantage of the opportunity to firsthand what it is like in the workforce. Also, the program is considered as a good example of industry and education working together to provide young people with an opportunity to learn more about careers. Businesses in Elba that hosted the student shadows included: Cook Chevrolet; The Peoples Bank; Kelley Foods of Alabama; Elba Police Department; Elba High School; Elba Elementary School; Stokes and Morrow, Attorney at Law; Elba General Hospital; Elba Nursing Home; Marty Marler, Attorney at Law; The Elba Clipper; Hammond's Body Shop; Goodson's Garage; Dorsey Trailers; Grantham's Body Shop; Merrill, Shirley, Attorney; Alabama Veterinary Diagnostic Lab; Elba County Club; Pea River Timber; Elba Marketplace; McKinney Farms and The National Security Group Insurance Company.

City of Elba begins strict enforcement of non-operating vehicle ordinance

On Friday, Feb. 1, the City of Elba began executing strict enforcement of a city ordinance regarding non-operating vehicles, and citizens who do not comply with the ordinance could soon find themselves facing penalties.

The ordinance (Ordinance Chapter 74, Articles III, Section 74-82 of the Code of Ordinances) reads as follows:

(a) No person in charge or control of any property, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessor or otherwise, shall allow any partially dismantled, non-operating, wrecked, junked or discarded vehicles to remain on such property longer than 30 days, and no person shall leave any such vehicle on any property for a longer time than 30 days.

(b) This section shall not apply to a vehicle:

(c) In an enclosed building or in an enclosed area not within view of a public right-of-way.

In an attempt to help residents

comply with the ordinance, the City will offer free removal of the vehicles that are in violation of the ordinance if proper procedures are followed.

To qualify for the free removal, citizens must contact the Elba Police Department by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, to execute the proper permission forms.

This person(s) must contact the police department in person and provide the location of the vehicle, the owners name (if known) and give written permission to remove and destroy or dismantle the subject vehicle.

According to officials, the City will only provide the removal service to the City Impound Yard, and it reserves the right to refuse the free removal service.

Again, anyone in violation of this ordinance as of Feb. 1st is subject to civil and/or criminal penalties if the matter is not properly taken care of within the allowed time period.

Area Happenings

ARTS ALLIANCE PRESENTS

The Coffee County Arts Alliance and Jade Productions, Inc. present Daniel Heifetz with The Classical Quartet on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Enterprise High School Auditorium. The program, "A Night of Audience Favorites," includes a variety of works. For information, call (334) 393-2797.

COUNTY BOE

The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 7 (TONIGHT), at 6:30 p.m. at the central office located on Reddoch Hill in Elba.

COUNTY COMMISSION

The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Feb. 11, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

BOOK SALE

The Elba Public Library will have a book sale on Friday, Feb. 15, from 1-8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 16, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

LAKE HOURS

The Coffee County Lake will open for the season on Friday, Feb. 15. For more information, call 277-2311.

BOOK DRIVE

The local girl scouts community is currently conducting a book drive to benefit the library programs at all schools. Books are being accepted for elementary and High school reading levels, and collection points are the Elba United Methodist Church and ZC Express. The book drive will continue through March.

the cars are a dark gray, and he would rather have this since so many local departments have white cars.

According to the chief, the bid price for a new car is \$19,924 without options and \$23,010 with options.

Mayor Charles Cole expressed his concern of how the town will be able to afford to pay for a new car.

In response, McMonagle directed the council's attention to the budget and pointed out that the town has already used approximately 43 percent of the police departments budgeted repair money for FY2002.

"It makes sense to use the repair money towards a new car," McMonagle said.

He also suggested rolling the cost of the car into the town's long term debt, in which he said had been previously discussed as a possibility.

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NOTICE

The City of Elba Water & Electric Board

will be holding a public meeting for Source Water Protection Assessment.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the

City of Elba Water & Electric Board meeting

February 11, 2002 immediately following the Elba

City Council meeting. All interested citizens are

encouraged to attend.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

By Riley Boykin Smith

In Massachusetts a man sentenced to life in prison without parole for strangling his wife is trying to force the state to pay for a sex-change operation and hormone therapy to allow him to live as a woman. This is another case of a stupid lawsuit clogging up the courts. If this man had really wanted such surgery he has had over thirty years of American type freedom to pay for it himself. Probably just another case of a bored inmate with nothing to do but poke fun at the American justice system.

Our comments several weeks ago about printed mistakes

ours and those of others

prompted a reader to bring

by a copy of his personal medical records. Now this man is younger than the Brainstorms writer (two thoughts), but the medical records indicate he is 150 years old! His doctor's comment when this little quirk was pointed out to him: "Well Mr. XXXXX you are in remarkable good health for your age!"

Last Saturday night we attended the Miss Valentine event at the Elba Elementary School. First beauty contests are not "our

thing," but even worse were the actions of the vast majority of those in attendance. Many just talked, laughed and wandered around the room when the girl coming on stage (over a 100 participants in all) wasn't their child. Tired children jumped around, banged on the metal chairs, fussed, etc. and parents didn't seem to hear (or mind). The crowd noise was so heavy most of the time that it was hard to hear the announcers call out the contestants' names over a microphone! I guess we all have to show our "Red Neck" bloodlines occasionally.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham was in the office this week with the details of the previously announced city plan to get all the abandoned automobiles out of town. The good thing for property owners is that the city will haul off the cars for free during the month of February. After that it is going to cost someone, either the vehicle owner or the property owner to get the vehicle moved. The police department has been assigned the responsibility of moving the vehicles (and probably enforcing the ordinance on moving them also).

The movie "Hometown Legends" was filmed mostly in Baldwin County, Alabama. It is a high school football story and parts of the crowd scenes were filmed during the Elba-Gulf Shores game of 2000. A Sunday morning call from Baldwin County alerted us of the Elba football game connection but added, "it is not a good movie." Not having heard anything about the local connections before, we did some asking around. By golly we are the only ones in the dark. Apparently there is not enough evidence of Elba's role in the movie for them to get releases from the team sponsors or send any actor checks this way, as our questions were answered with blank looks. Anyway, any of you who think you might have a chance of finding yourself in a football movie, the name of it is "Hometown Legends" and it is making the rounds right now.

This weather is an amazing thing. The old story of "if you don't like the weather today, just wait until tomorrow" is oh so true this month. One day last week there were over a dozen states in America with temperatures over 80 degrees. By Saturday only Florida held that title. Then on Tuesday morning, not even Florida could claim such warm temperatures (except maybe in the Keys). It really hurts our feelings when these are these yo-yo temperature changes. Our body almost freezes the first day or so after the deep drops, or until our body can get accustomed to the cooler air.

Of course we could live in California, where the dense fog caused another big freeway wreck Tuesday, killing at least five and injuring over 40 others. They are still clearing the scene as this was being written.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Jerome Pruitt, Aaron Miller, Estelle Divine, Victoria Griffin, W.K. Cotter, Sara Cotter, Venera Boutwell, Tim English, Jane Bass, Mageline Stephens, Brunell Beeson, Crystal Johnson, Sara Chandler, Frederick Till, Dossie Williams, Juwan Crawford, Mary Shiver, Mildred Jones, Chris Dubois, Stanley Davis, Joseph Plain, James Childs, Lois Faulk, Minnie Adcock, Phyllis Maddox, Courtney Richardson, Terri Senn, Anna Jimmerson, David Armstrong, Jerry Bradshaw, Mildred Armstrong, Marcus Gode, Jamie Sexton, Jamie Morris, Matthew Berry, Julia Harper, Ruth McDowell, Amiyah Whitfield and Cornelia Holmes.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

The Inspirations to be Elba Church of God to have Barbecue

The Inspirations from Bryson City, N.C. will be in concert at Opp High School Auditorium along with The Davis Brothers

on Saturday night, Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m. Admission will be \$10 with children under 12 free. For information call (334)527-349.

Free help with tax returns

Free help with tax returns by IRS trained and certified volunteers is available each Mon. and Thurs. during the tax season. The services are available to all taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those 60 and older.

Returns are electronically filed (e-file) to ensure more accurate tax returns and faster processing of refunds.

Free tax counseling on the

internet allows taxpayers to pose tax questions to 'online' counselors 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by visiting the AARP web site at HYPERLINK "http://www.aarp.org/tax-aids" www.aarp.org/tax-aids.

Call the Elba Senior Center, 897-3019, to make an appointment to have your income tax prepared free by AARP Tax-Aide volunteers.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

"What is the Apocrypha? Why is it not included in the Bible?"

G.W. Elba

The Apocrypha is a collection of ancient writings dating from the period between the Testaments - 400 B.C. to the beginning of the Christian era - composed by Jews of Alexandria. They are of varied form and style; some historical, some poetic and others dramatic and apocalyptic. The word apocrypha derives from the preposition apo (in the Greek) "from," and knupites (in the Greek), "hidden." Thus, something hid or concealed, and so designated because the authorship of these books is uncertain, their origin obscure, and their authority questioned. The collection consists of the books of Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus, Baruk, and two books of Maccabees. Some add six chapters to the book of Esther; there is a prefix to the book of Daniel, called the "History of Susannah," and other additions are Song of the Three Children, and Bel and the Dragon. Others, sometimes included, but regarded by the Catholic Church as spurious, are the third and fourth books of Esdras, the third book of Maccabees, the 151 Psalm, an appendix to Job and a preface to Lamentations.

The books in the first of these lists are included between Malachi and Matthew in the Bibles published by Catholics, who regard them as inspired and thus worthy of a place in the canon of scripture along with the rest of the Old Testament. They were included in the Septuagint Translation (The Greek Version of the Old Testament), and in early Latin Versions. "Protestants" uniformly reject them as inspired books and regard them as wholly unworthy of a place in the sacred writings for reasons that will be included in this article to be continued next week.

-Guy N. Woods

Questions and Answers. Open Forum. Freed-Hardeman College Lectures Volume

If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to: "Questions and Answers," c/o Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36323. We invite everyone to attend the services of the Elba Church of Christ. Please call 897-2052 for times of services.

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Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Elde Phillips-Cope, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
J. E. Weoley, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE

Allan Richardson, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.

ELBA SPRINGS BAPTIST
CHURCH

John C. Smith, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
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BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Class.....6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Larry G.H. Foster

Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
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CHRISTIAN GROVE METHODIST
CHURCH

Rev. William French, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
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ELBA UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor

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FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

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ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Jimmy Simmons, Minister

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ELBA UNITED ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rev. Danny Bradshaw, Pastor

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editor:
Katie Grimes

EHS students attend Shakespeare Festival

by Katie Grimes

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, the 12th grade advanced English classes attended the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery to see Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

"The Tempest" is the story of Prospero, a magician stranded on an island with his daughter. One afternoon, Prospero conjures up a storm and releases

love, attempted murder, pageantry, and reunions. This single day redeems his past, gives his daughter a future, and frees him from the lure of magic.

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival describes this Shakespeare's last play, as "pure theatrical entertainment."

The students and teachers of EHS certainly appreciated this humorous, educational enter-

ainment.

2002 Elba pageant winners crowned

by Kimberly Farris

On Saturday, January 26, 2002, the Elba High School journalism staff held their annual Elba pageant. This year's winners are as follows:



From left: Brinley Williams, 2nd Runner-up; Cormenda McGhee, 1st Runner-up; Brooke Weeks, Miss Miss Elba.



From left: Ty Gray, 2nd Runner-up; Kiera Robertson, 1st Runner-up; Morgan Anderson, Little Miss Elba.

Elba Elementary School Menu

Feb. 11 - 15, 2002

BREAKFAST		LUNCH	
Monday	Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday	Chicken Wiggle, Corn Peas & Carrots, Sliced Peaches, Roll, Milk
Tuesday	Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday	Ham & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Green Beans, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Wednesday	Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday	Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Blackeyed Peas, Roll, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Thursday	Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday	Hot Dog, Potato Rounds, California Style Vegetables, Cake, Milk
Friday	Teacher-in-Service	Friday	Teaching-in-Service
- Holiday for Students		- Holiday for Students	

EHS Faculty Spotlight

by Francie English

The teacher featured in this week's faculty spotlight is Julie Norris.

Mrs. Norris teaches 11th grade chemistry, 12th grade AP English, 10th grade English, and journalism.

Mrs. Norris attended Elba High School and furthered her education at Troy State University and the University of South Alabama. She majored in biology and English education as well as comprehensive science education, and she received a Master's degree in science in education. Before coming to EHS, Mrs. Norris taught at Escambia County High School and New Brockton High School. She has now been teaching at Elba High for six years.

Mrs. Norris's family consists of three children - Aaron, Brooklyn, and Christen, (who are all 22 months old) - and husband Patrick.

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Co-Op Spotlight

by Hunter Branch

This week's Co-Op spotlight features Casey Skinner.

Casey is the 18-year-old daughter of Tommy Skinner and Sandra Skinner. She is a senior at Elba High School and is employed at the Elba Market Place, where she assists customers and works the register.

Casey's extracurricular activities include being a member of the varsity cheerleading squad, varsity softball team, Sr. Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, VICA and Girl Scout, Troop 300.

After high school Casey plans to attend the University of South Alabama and major in nursing.

If Mrs. Norris could no longer teach, she would aspire to be either a professional photographer or a surgeon.

Mrs. Norris's family consists of three children - Aaron, Brooklyn, and Christen, (who are all 22 months old) - and husband Patrick.

Mrs. Norris enjoys many

hobbies, including reading, smoking, gardening, baking and fishing.

She credits Frances Prior with inspiring her to become a teacher, explaining that Prior "always made it easy to learn. I wanted to be just like her and teach biology and anatomy."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Jim Williams joins Foreign Service

Washington, D.C. - Secretary Colin Powell recently swore in Webster University Jim Williams as a Junior Officer in the United States Foreign Service. Jim was sworn in with the 104th A-100 class of Junior Officers at the Department of State.

Jim Williams grew up in Elba, Alabama. He graduated from Elba High School in 1974 and was a member of the Beta Club and the Elba High School Marching Tigers. Jim received a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Alabama and a M.A. in Management from

ties of each Junior Officer for future career promotions as a tenured Foreign Service Officer. Foreign Service Officers provide assistance to American citizens traveling and living abroad and to represent our nation and its people to the nations and people of the world."

Junior Officers serve their first-year tour in one of 162 countries where the United States has representation around the world. The first tour strengthens and tests the abilities

of each Junior Officer for future career promotions as a tenured Foreign Service Officer.



AARP NEW OFFICERS elected recently and are pictured above L to R: Syble Hahn, Martha Guerero, Jim Gilmer, Fred Moore, Q.P. Hudson, Sherry Church, and Mack Donaldson

City of Elba & Electric Board to hold public meeting

The City of Elba Water & Electric Board will be holding a public meeting for Source Water Protection Assessment. The

meeting will be held in conjunction with the scheduled Water & Electric Board meeting. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

The Alabama Peanut Producers to host 44th Annual Meeting Friday, February 22

The Alabama Peanut Producers Association will host its 44th Annual Meeting on Friday, February 22, 2002 at the Ozark Civic Center in Ozark, Alabama. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Among those that have been invited to speak are: Senator Jeff

Sessions, Congressman Terry Everett and Interim Dean John Jensen - Auburn University College of Agriculture. Reports will also be given by representatives from the Peanut Advisory Board, National Peanut Board and the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation.

AARP now offering tax preparation help

Free help with tax returns by IRS trained and certified volunteers is available each Mon. and Thurs. during the tax season to all taxpayers with middle and low-income, with special attention to those 60 and older.

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Returns are electronically filed (e-file) to ensure more accurate tax returns and faster processing of refunds.

Free tax counseling on the internet allows taxpayers to pose tax questions to online counselors 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by visiting the AARP web site at: HYPERLINK "http://www.aarp.org/taxaid" www.aarp.org/taxaid. Call the Elba Senior Center, 897-3019, to make an appointment to have your income tax prepared free by AARP Tax-Aide volunteers.

12, 2002 at Barb-B-Que Etc., formerly J & T's BBQ in New Brockton at 6:00 p.m. (dutch treat). Guest speaker for the

evening will be Mrs. Amy Burk, Vice-Chair of the Alabama Democratic Party.

"Miss Jack Sweetheart Pageant" to be held Saturday, February 23

Jack in a Box Daycare and Learning Center, Jack, Alabama, will be sponsoring the 1st annual "Miss Jack Sweetheart" Pageant on February 23, 2002, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Zion Chapel High School Auditorium. All proceeds from the pageant will benefit the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life." The entry fee for the pageant is \$20.00 and the pageant is open to anyone in the surrounding area. Each category will have a winner and at least 2 alternates. Queen will receive a crown, banner and flowers. Alternates will receive a banner and flowers. All contestants will receive a flower.

Categories and dress code are as follows:

Baby Miss Jack Sweetheart - ages 0-12 months-Sunday or heirloom dress

Tiny Miss Jack Sweetheart - ages 1-2 years-Sunday or heirloom dress

Petite Miss Jack Sweetheart - ages 3-4 years-Sunday or heirloom dress

Future Little Miss Jack Sweetheart - ages 5-Kindergarten-Sunday or heirloom dress

Little Miss Jack Sweetheart - grades 1-3-Sunday or heirloom dress

Young Miss Jack Sweetheart - grades 4-6-Sunday dress or 2 piece suit (top & skirt)

Junior Miss Jack Sweetheart - 7-9-Evening gown or pageant dress

Miss Jack Sweetheart - grades 10-12-Evening gown or pageant dress

A practice will be held on Thursday night, February 21, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. at the Zion Chapel High School Auditorium. The practice is not mandatory, but all entry forms must be turned in no later than Thursday, February 21, 2002. No exceptions! Entry forms may be picked up or turned in at the following locations: Zion Chapel Elementary School - Pam Flowers; Jack in a Box Daycare and Learning Center; or Head 2 Toe Salon - Britley Parker. All contestants should be at the high school on the night of the pageant no later than 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Jack in a Box Daycare and Learning Center at 897-1535.

The City will offer free removal of the vehicles that are in violation of said Ordinance if the Elba Police Department is contacted and proper permission forms are executed by 5:00 p.m. February 28, 2002.

In order to provide the free removal you must contact The Elba Police Department, in person

and provide the location of the vehicle, the owners name, if known and give written permission to remove and destroy or dismantle the subject vehicle.

The City will provide removal ONLY to the City Impound Yard. The City reserves the right to refuse said free removal service.

Beginning February 1, 2002 any person or persons that is believed to be in violation of said Ordinance will be subject to civil and/or criminal penalties.

Nothing in this notice shall be considered a waiver of enforcement of the subject Ordinance.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba students serve as shadows at local businesses during Groundhog Day Shadowing Program



Elba High students Jami Hall, Ashley Harrelson, Kristy Ward and Courtney Jackson got an opportunity to watch an ultrasound demonstration at Elba General Hospital. The "patient", by the way, was fellow student Shay Johnson who also participated with the program.



Justin Allen and Christy Eubanks discovered the world of banking last Friday, Feb. 1, as they shadowed the employees of The Peoples Bank in Elba. Above, Doris Mathews explains certain banking procedures to the very curious students.

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Sophomore Mary Katherine Head and senior Katie Grimes spent their day at The Elba Clipper during the job shadowing activity. The young shadowed the Tiger Tales page was designed, pictures were taken of other students participating in the shadowing program, and as indicated above, checked out the latest edition of the paper to see if met their approval.



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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have always heard that one man's trash is another man's treasure. So, I guess it could also be true that one man's bologna could be another man's steak. Last week I made a trip up to North Alabama and saw a sign outside a nationwide fast food chain advertising bologna biscuits for \$2. Hey, I like bologna, too, but I would have to be mighty hungry or mighty rich to spend \$2 on a bologna biscuit. If a bologna biscuit is worth \$2, what would a whole sandwich be worth?

SORTING THROUGH THE SPORTS...

*** It is area tournament time all across the state this week and for the first time in years it looks like several area teams should make it out of the area and advance on to sub-region action. Here's a preview...

* The Elba Tigers will have to make the trip up to Lowndes County for their area tournament and drew a tough opening round opponent in Pike County. The two area rivals split their regular season meetings, with both teams winning on the road, this will be a loser go home match. Last season the Tigers suffered a disappointing loss to Pike County to end the season. So, maybe this year the Tigers will repay the favor and let the Bulldogs hang up their sneakers, first.

* The Elba Lady Tigers will head up to Brundidge for their area tournament and will tangle with Calhoun in opening round play. The Lady Tigers have had another very successful campaign and have already defeated Calhoun twice. However, it is never easy to defeat a team three times in one season, especially one with the talent of Calhoun, and the Lady Tigers will be to their best to keep the team on the finals and get ready for sub-region action.

* The Kinston Bulldogs closed the season in some what of a slump and will have to regroup in a hurry if the Bulldogs hope to advance. The Bulldogs will open area tournament action against cross-county rival Zion Chapel, a team it split with during the regular season, and will have to play their best to post a win. This team looked like one to keep an eye on back in mid-season, but the Bulldogs are now just another team fighting to keep their season alive.

* The Kinston Lady Bulldogs closed out the season with a couple of losses to some very good teams, and will have to use the lessons learned to keep their best season in years alive. The Lady Bulldogs will open their tournament against Ariton, a team they have defeated three times. However, the Lady Purple Cats aren't ready that bad a squad, and the Lady Dogs will have to play four solid quarters to advance on to the finals, and then on to sub-region action.

* The New Brockton Gamecocks closed out their regular season with a big win over Zion Chapel, but will have their work cut out for them when they begin area tournament play against defending state champ Barbour County. If the Gamecocks can keep it close early they might have a chance. However, it looks like the season will draw to a close this week for the Gamecocks.

* The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks rolled to 17 wins this season, the most ever for a New Brockton girls team, and made it clear that they were one of the top teams in South Alabama. The problem for the Lady Gamecocks is that they must now face Samson in the opening round of the area tournament. The Lady Gamecocks have yet to beat the Lady Tigers in two tries, and for some reason just doesn't seem to match up with the girls from down the road. If New Brockton can pull off the upset, it could make some noise.

* The Zion Chapel Rebels will open area play against their rivals from down the road in Kinston, and despite a less than spectacular season, the Rebels should be confident heading into the opening round clash. The Rebels split with the 'Dogs during the season, while Kinston didn't exactly close with a rush. The Rebels always play hard, and with a little luck, could just advance.

* The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dressed out only five players in several late-season games and should just be glad the season is drawing to a close. The Lady Rebels have some good players and play hard every time they hit the court, but this season has gone from bad to worse, lately, and with an opening round date with G.W. Long, it looks like the end might be near.

* The Brundidge Bulldogs improved by leaps and bounds as their young players gained experience, and despite an opening round date with J.F. Shields, the Bulldogs could very well be a team to keep an eye on in the next-season party tips off. The Bulldogs did the work to win and to win again, that's a pretty good recipe for success.

* The Brundidge Lady Bulldogs continued to build a winning program this season and have a shot at making the area, in spite of having to battle Pleasant Home in the opening round of the tournament. The Lady Dogs have some very talented young ladies that just keep on getting better, and if they get a few breaks, look out.

*** In closing....The NCAA did more to hurt the Alabama football program than ever. Coach Dennis Franchione may be able to put back together. The sanctions imposed will take years to overcome, and it seemed like the NCAA officials were foaming at the mouth to stick it to the Tide. The statement about hitting Alabama with the death penalty was just a bluff to make the Bama officials thankful they still had a program, and I think it was nothing more than a means of trying to keep Alabama from appealing the penalties. As long as the NCAA takes years to investigate possible violations, the guilty will go free and the innocent will pay. That doesn't seem like a very good way to do business to me, and I hope some of the penalties are overturned and the NCAA can find a better way to punish those that break the rules, before some NCAA committee actually does shut down a program. One suggestion would be to place more people on committees that understand the "real" problems that college athletics face. At least then the committee would have an insight into things other than what is written on paper.

Improve record to 15-4

Tigers run past Rebels 74-35

The Elba Tigers continued their dominance over their county rivals last Tuesday night by rolling to an easy 74-35 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, in Zion Chapel.

The win improved Elba's record to 15-4, while Zion Chapel saw its record slip to 4-18 with the loss.

The Tigers came out in a sticky full-court press on defense and took advantage of Rebel turnovers and the inside power of John Mitchell to jump out to a quick 9-2 lead. Zion Chapel pulled within 11-5 after a three-pointer by Jonah Edmondson; however, the Tigers quickly regained command and sparked by the inside scoring of Mitchell and a long range three-pointer by Kyle English went on a 12-0 run to open up a 23-5 lead with 1:16 remaining in the quarter.

Zel Daniels scored the first seven points of the second quarter as Elba's lead grew to 54-3 in the half, and the Tigers went into a stall on offense and worked the ball inside for easy baskets as they earned a lopsided 43-17 advantage into the dressing room at intermission.

A steal and lay-up by Marcus Henderson with 5:48 left in the third quarter put the Tigers on top 50-19. Elba returned to its stall on offense and worked the ball inside to work the clock and set up easy baskets. The Tigers took their biggest lead of the quarter at 54-21 with 1:21 remaining on a Quinton Givin jumper, and headed into the final stanza in complete command with a 56-27 advantage.

Elba continued to apply the pressure on defense early in the fourth quarter and despite slowing the game down on offense, saw its lead continue to grow on to 74-35.

Matthew Curran scored 14 points and Clark Skinner added 10 to lead Elba, while Smith led the Rebels with 9 points.

Elba (37): Curran, 14; C. Skinner, 10; Allen, 4; Lambert, 1; Tyson, 2; Kelley, 6.

Z.C. (22): Smith, 9; Taylor, 5; White, 3; Sanders, 3.

Elba pounds Panthers 72-52

The Elba Tigers jumped ahead early and never looked back last Tuesday night in an impressive 72-52 win over the Georgiana Panthers, in Elba.

The win tipped the Tigers' record to 14-4, while Georgiana slipped to 13-8 with the loss.

The Tigers were determined to avenge a season-opening loss to the Panthers from the opening tip and stunned Georgiana by jumping out to a 17-9 first quarter lead. Kyle English did the damage from the outside as he scored eight points and drilled a pair of three-pointers, while John Mitchell did the work in close and added five points to help the Tiger grab control.

The Elba Tiger team staged a second rally to pull even and then took charge in overtime to post an exciting 37-33 win over Georgiana.

The Tigers fell behind early and trailed 18-8 at intermission, but began to rally in the third quarter as they cut the lead to 20-15, and then pulled even in the final stanza to clinch the Panthers at 30-30.

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Elba rallies past Georgiana 53-43

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early in the third quarter and then slowly pulled away to claim a big 53-43 win over the Georgiana Lady Panthers, last Monday night in Elba.

The win tipped the Elba's record to 12-6, while Georgiana slipped to 5-10 with the loss.

The Lady Tigers had problems with the quickness of Georgiana in the opening stanza and trailed 12-9 after one quarter of play, but began to creep back in the game in the second stanza, and led by the inside scoring of Rachel Bludsworth and the outside shooting of Laguna Mack cut the Lady Panthers' lead to 26-25 by the end of the half.

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Z.C. (35): Edmondson, 3; Wambles, 3; Sanders, 2; Arnold, 2; Calhoun, 13; Brunson, 7; Calhoun, 4.

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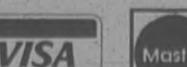
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